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**U.S. CHARGES SECOND SON OF FORMER IRAQI DIPLOMAT WITH
WORKING IN NEW YORK AS AN AGENT OF IRAQI INTELLIGENCE**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), announced the filing of a Superseding Indictment in Manhattan federal court charging WISAM NOMAN AL-ANBUKE, a/k/a "Wisam Al Anbuga," a/k/a "Wisam Noman Rokan," with acting, and conspiring to act, in New York as an agent of the Iraqi Intelligence Service ("IIS").

The Indictment also charges WISAM AL-ANBUKE, 24, with making false statements to FBI agents with respect to his work as an Iraqi agent in the United States. The charges against WISAM AL-ANBUKE are added to those already filed against his brother, RAED ROKAN AL-ANBUKE, a/k/a "Ra'id Al Anbuga," a/k/a "Raed Rokan," a/k/a "Raed Al-Anbaki,". In June 2003, RAED AL-ANBUKE, 29, was charged with acting in New York as an agent of the IIS

and with conspiring to do so.

The Indictment alleges that in October or November 2001, WISAM AL-ANBUKE provided information to the IIS about two Iraqi dissidents living in the United States. This information allegedly included the location and employment of the dissidents. The Indictment also charges that WISAM AL-ANBUKE lied to the FBI about providing this information to the IIS. Additionally, the Indictment alleges that in 2001, RAED AL-ANBUKE provided the IIS with the location, employment, and family status of Iraqi expatriates in the United States, and that, in December 2001 or January 2002, RAED AL-ANBUKE facilitated a meeting between an officer of the IIS and the family of an Iraqi dissident now living in the United States.

According to the Complaint previously filed against RAED AL-ANBUKE (the "Complaint"), the IIS, or "General Intelligence," known in Arabic as the Da'irat al-Mukhabbarat al-'Amma, or the "Mukhabbarat," is the foreign intelligence arm of the Government of Iraq. The IIS has multiple missions, including foreign intelligence collection, counterintelligence, and covert action. The IIS also has played a role in terrorist operations, including the attempted assassination of former President George H.W. Bush, and attempted bombings during Operation Desert Storm. Additionally, the IIS has located, intimidated, and killed Iraqi defectors and dissidents living abroad.

As previously set forth in the Complaint, RAED AL-ANBUKE and WISAM AL-ANBUKE are sons of Rokan Al-Anbuke, the former Deputy Permanent Representative to the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations ("IMUN"), who also worked covertly for the IIS during his tenure in the United States.

If convicted, ISAM AL-ANBUKE faces a maximum sentence of five years in jail on the counts of conspiracy and making false statements and 10 years on the charge of acting as an undeclared agent of a foreign government. In addition, each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Both men were arraigned this morning in front of United States District Judge MICHAEL B. MUKASEY. Both pled not guilty.

Mr. COMEY praised the investigative efforts of the FBI in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys MICHAEL M. PURPURA and EDWARD C. O'CALLAGHAN are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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